THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

गुजरात में खनन पर निगरानी

2199. श्री राम सिंह राठवा : क्या खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गुजरात मे खान-परियोजनाओं पर अप्रभावी निगरानी के कारण इन परियोजनाओं की लागत में वृद्धि को गई है तथा इनके पूरा होने में विलम्ब हुआ है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) इन परियोजनाओं के नाम क्या-क्या हैं ; और

(घ) सरकार ने निगरानी प्रणाली को मजबूत बनाने के लिए क्या प्रयास किए हैं ?

खान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव) : (क) खान मंत्रालय की गुजरात में कोई खनन परियोजना नहीं है ।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

List of illegal mines operated in the country

2200. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whethrr Government had any list of illegal mines being operated in differtnt parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the illegal mines operated State-wise; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to close down illegal mines throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Central Government does not maintain any such list.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Action is taken as per law on detection of cases of illegal mining.

Interest shown by Australian in the mining sector

2201. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Australians have shown their interest in mining sector in accordance with the liberalisation policy of the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) The National Mineral Policy placed before this House on 5-3-1993 liberalising further the conditions pertaining to foreign investment in the mining sector has generated interest amongst foreign mining companies including Australian. Such interest can lead to specific proposals/projects only after consequential amendments to the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957, have been made.

Gold Reserves in the Subansiri river sand Assam

2202. DR. BAPU KALDATE:

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of MINES be plesed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recent study has shown that the Subansiri river sand (Assam) has a rich gold reserves;